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## **USS PRINCETON (CG 59) to Hold Public Tours While Receiving Maintenance of Combat Systems at PHD NSWC**

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USS PRINCETON (CG 59) will welcome the public aboard for tours on Sunday, May 7, while visiting Port Hueneme Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center (PHD NSWC) for a combat systems maintenance phase. Tours will be held at Port Hueneme's Wharf 3 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

The ship will be in port from May 5-11 for a maintenance check of her combat systems in preparation for future testing of the onboard missile systems. During her visit, the PHD NSWC team of engineers and logisticians will perform specific maintenance checks in order to prepare the ship for safe and effective operations of the missile system firings.

Located at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, PHD NSWC, a component of the Naval Sea Systems Command, is the Navy's premier in-service engineering and logistics center and has been in existence for 36 years. The command focuses on supporting the fleet while ships are operational, that is, while they are in-service. The Division provides test and evaluation, in-service engineering, and integrated logistics support for weapon systems installed in the United States Navy fleet, United States Coast Guard fleet, and many foreign Navy fleets.

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PRINCETON'S primary mission is to operate with aircraft carrier battle groups or as part of surface action groups in extreme threat environments well into the 21st century. The purpose of the ship is to detect, classify, and track hundreds of potential targets simultaneously in the air, on the surface, and under the sea. It can destroy targets using a variety of weapons: ship and helicopter launched torpedoes, deck guns, surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles, rapid-fire close-in weapons, and electronic jammers and decoys.

PRINCETON has a crew of 37 Officers, 45 Chief Petty Officers, and 327 enlisted personnel. She is homeported in San Diego, CA.

Visitors interested in touring PRINCETON must enter the naval base through the Pleasant Valley gate and follow the signs to Wharf 3. For further information contact the PHD NSWC Public Affairs office at 228-6150.

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